



Drinking Water PFAS Task Force

Sep 5, 2024; 10am
W&S Admin Bldg

Agenda

- Introductions
- Executive Order 24-01
 - Purpose
 - Goals
- Initial RFIs
 - Inventory
 - Status
 - Compliance plan
 - Communications plan
- Member Concerns and Questions
- Next Task Force Meeting

References:

- EPA Fact Sheet: PFAS NPDWR Monitoring and Reporting
https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_fact-sheet_monitoring_4.8.24_0.pdf
- MDE: PFAS in Private Drinking Water Wells
https://mde.maryland.gov/PublicHealth/Documents/PFAS%20Private%20Well%20Factsheet_March2023.pdf

Minutes – Drinking Water PFAS Task Force – Kick-Off Meeting

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- **Introductions** were made. The following were present in the room:

- Bill Bettin – Harford County DPW
- Joe Siemek – Harford County DPW
- Steve Klein – Bel Air DPW
- Larry Slattery – Harford County DPW
- Dan Pazdersky – Harford County DPW
- Patti Jo Beard – Harford County Public Schools
- Chris Morton – Harford County Public Schools
- Mike Turner – Harford County DPW
- Bill Smith – Harford County DPW
- Ronya Nassar – Harford County Health Department
- John Restine – Harford County Health Department

The following participated via MS Teams call:

- Erin Schafer – Harford County DPW
- Cindy Mumby – Harford County Administration
- Rob McCord – Harford County Administration
- EJ Millisor – Havre de Grace DPW
- Kyle Torster – Aberdeen DPW
- John Ely – Aberdeen DPW
- Curtis Ball – Aberdeen DPW

- **Executive Order 24-01.** The Executive order was discussed. The Task Force lead (Bettin) summarized the purpose and the goals of the Task Force, as largely defined in the EO document.
- **Initial RFIs.** Bettin outlined an initial RFI to all Task Force participants with purview over public water supplies, to include: 1) inventory, 2) status, 3) compliance plan, and 4) communications plan. Gathering this information is a first step to allow the group to coordinate and align efforts per the EO, and then inform the County Executive of the County's overall drinking water PFAS status.

Further discussion. Suggested to use a template or list of data fields to make this initial RFI so that responses are in alignment. Slattery offered to provide list of fields. HCPS offered to provide example of internal similar data document for possible group use. Schafer noted 22 prospective County government sites to include.

Action. Bettin would develop format/list for RFIs and distribute to members, with goal of them returning inventories for next TF meeting.

- **Member Concerns and Questions.** Group moved to open discussion. A few of the notable items captured are detailed below.

HCPS shared timeline of recent events. June water sampling of Harford County schools led to July results showing some schools supplied by well over the new PFAS limits. This triggered

current situation and action plan – no consumption of water at those schools. Noted MD ASBO Fall Conference November 8 at Martin's West – expect PFAS topics and presentations there. Noted that MDE would not approve POU treatment at impacted schools, requiring instead POE treatment.

Health Department discussed and provided context on guidance on using water in kitchens in impacted schools. Referenced EPA's SDWIS site and database as a useful source of public water supplies' quality data.

Aberdeen DPW reviewed their situation, including the source of about 15 wells to supply their 18K customer/residents. Noted that Aberdeen is accessing MD grant funds to make treatment plant improvements. Pilot testing as part of that decision process is underway.

Havre de Grace DPW reviewed their situation, including that their surface water treatment plant is meeting the new PFAS standards.

- **Next Task Force Meeting.** Group concurred with next Task Force meeting in 4 weeks, on Thursday October 3, 2024, at 11am.